



Nicole Kidman is reunited with her husband Keith Urban after staying in hospital for two weeks.

# Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery, Hundreds Dead

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It was both a sad and bewildering day April 8<sup>th</sup> when a typhoon tore its way through Hollywood's prestigious cemetery. The cemetery, located west of the city's centre, suffered greatly as tombstones were ripped from the earth and hurled into monuments for some of the greatest influences in pop culture's history, such as Micheal Jackson and Grace Kelly.

What was most dumbfounding of this was a funeral for recently deceased Meryl Streep was underway, and over three hundred attended the burial. They didn't have any shelter to run to and many

perished, including actor Jim Carry and actress Helena Bonham Carter. Nicole Kidman survived with her life, and recalls the horrific events in her hospital bed at Hollywood General Hospital.

"I remember hearing screaming," she said, her face tense with emotion and pain. "I remember standing quite close to the front when the rain getting unbearable; I could see [Streep's] casket."

When asked about the stormy conditions, Kidman remembers vividly.

"It was getting to the point of flooding; in the streets, and even the ground beneath our feet. We were sinking into the ground."

"Before most of us decided to abandon Meryl's funeral for our safety, the wind picked up and... I could see [my fellow actors] thrown into the air."

Kidman escaped by taking refuge in a nearby car and was found several miles away after being swept away by the storm. She was released from hospital last night after the interview with a broken leg and lung damage.

The sudden storm, however, did not stop its destruction there. When it was safe enough to rescue those in need, it was a difficult and tedious task.

"The flood," says Environment Minister, John Smithers, "actually managed to uplift the graves of the previously buried. The hard task was finding those who could be rescued, and those who... no longer required medical assistance."

Smithers then smiles as he adds:

"We cannot tally the dead until we know who was dead to begin with."

So far, hundreds of bodies have been removed from the scene, and less than twenty people have been rescued.